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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 498

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

February 20, 2013

An act to add Section 14166.156 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 498, as amended, Chávez. Medi-Cal.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Existing law, subject to federal approval, modifies the inpatient fee-for-service reimbursement methodology for nondesignated public hospitals, as defined, under a specified demonstration project for services on or after July 1, 2012.

This bill would prohibit a payment made to a nondesignated public hospital pursuant to these provisions from being subject to ~~payment limitations~~ *a peer grouping inpatient reimbursement limitation* established by the department, unless otherwise required by federal law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14166.156 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 14166.156. If a payment to a nondesignated public hospital is
- 4 made pursuant to Section 14166.151, the reimbursement shall not
- 5 be subject to ~~payment limitations~~ *a peer grouping inpatient*
- 6 *reimbursement limitation* established by the department, unless
- 7 otherwise required by federal law.